The Boy and the Squirrel

as told by Nora Thompson Dean 1969

Long ago it is said that a boy went hunting. He carried his bow, and on his back he carried a quiver. He went to a big woods, he was hunting squirrels. Suddenly he saw a squirrel on a branch chewing on an acorn. He raised his bow and shot at the squirrel, but he missed him.

The squirrel ran down the tree, and into a hole in the tree. The boy began to gather up stones and stuff them into the tree. Then he ran home and told his parents.

The next morning he all at once remembered the squirrel. When he finished eating, he went to the big woods to look at the squirrel. When he got to the tree, he heard the squirrel singing. This is what the squirrel was singing:

> "Little boy, little boy, you can never starve me to death, little boy".

Then when that boy grew up and became a man he used that song in the Big House Church as his vision song.